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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry for Primary Industries
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): All food
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Proposals for changes to food safety regulations MPI Public Discussion Paper No: 2016/24. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 39 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/NZL/16_4477_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The Food Act 2014 and Food Regulations 2015 came into force on 1 March 2016. These aligned New Zealand's domestic food system with the risk-based approach of other food statutes, namely the Animal Products Act 1999 and the Wine Act 2003. While new businesses have to operate under the Food Act straight away, existing businesses are transitioning to the new law over a three year introductory period (set to finish during 2019). The Food Regulations 2015 focussed on higher-risk businesses that were the first to transition to the Food Act, and the detailed requirements needed to get the Food Act working on a practical level. The proposals for this second set of regulations focus on low to medium-risk businesses joining later in the introductory period. Many of the proposals seek to reduce regulatory burden and revoke unnecessary rules. The proposals include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- reduced regulatory requirements for low to medium-risk businesses;- greater flexibility surrounding initial verification requirements and a change to verification reports;- a review of the outdated Food (Safety) Regulations 2002, many of which can be revoked;- amendment of the Animal Products (Exemptions and Inclusions) Order 2000 to ensure that the Animal Products Act 1999 and the Food Act 2014 are working together effectively; and- a change to the Food Regulations 2015 relating to maximum residue levels in wine.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.

8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 1 July 2017</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 1 July 2017</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 July 2017</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 5 December 2016</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Mrs Sally Jennings, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +(64 4) 894 0431; Fax: +(64 4) 894 0733; E-mail: sps@mpi.govt.nz</p> <p>Website: http://www.mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/consultations/</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Mrs Sally Jennings, Coordinator, SPS New Zealand, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand. Tel: +(64 4) 894 0431; Fax: +(64 4) 894 0733; E-mail: sps@mpi.govt.nz</p> <p>Website: http://www.mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/consultations/</p>